



First Unitarian Universalist CONGREGATION OF ANN ARBOR

This Week at UUA | October 8 - 14, 2020

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Starting next week, our weekly news will be sent from communications@uuaa.org. Please make sure this email is saved in your contacts so the news doesn't go to your spam folder!

Please send any submissions for the weekly news to our Communications Ministry Specialist, Kari, at communications@uuaa.org by **Tuesday at 5pm Eastern**. The weekly news is distributed each week on Thursdays.

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Sunday, October 11th, 12pm Eastern

We are joining Church of the River for worship this week!

Let your friends know you'll be attending by RSVPing to the [Facebook event at this link](#).

Then join Church of the River on Sunday at www.uuaa.org/service.



Virtual Social Hour

Join us for a Zoom social hour immediately after the service, where we can check in as a community and further discuss the service. Use this link to take part: www.uuaa.org/socialhour.

Need more worship in your life? Watch past services, songs, and stories [in our website archive](#).



Wednesday Meditation

4:00pm-5:00pm

All are welcome to practice a form of Buddhist meditation with fellow congregants.

www.uuaa.org/meditation

Are you interested in learning more about meditation?
[Watch "Intro to Meditation"](#) produced in April by Rev. Manish on our UUAA YouTube Channel.



Pumpkins and Pledges

Saturday, October 24, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Light up the UUAA parking lot with your creativity! Create a jack-o-lantern masterpiece for our first pumpkin-carving contest.

12:00pm - 4:30pm: Drop off your carved pumpkin at UUAA main entrance. [Sign up here](#) to enter! Pledge forms will be gladly accepted.

6:00pm-8:00pm: Drive through the Pumpkin Fest, cast your vote, and pick up a goodie bag. Pledge forms will be gladly accepted.

Great prizes will be awarded for the most creative jack-o-lanterns (adult, kids ages 5-10, and kids ages 11-18.)

If you haven't already sent in your annual pledge, this is a great time to drop it off. We will have a collection basket available at pumpkin drop-off in the afternoon and at the goodie bag station in the evening.

Questions? Contact Hannah Hotchkiss at Hannah@uuaa.org.

BIPOC-Focused Humanism: Adult SGD

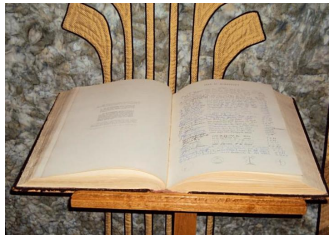
First Class: Saturday, October 10, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Click on the link below for future sessions.



This class consists of five independent sessions. In each session we will center a cultural expression of humanism by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color or the work of a single BIPOC humanist. All are welcome to join one, a few, or all of the sessions as they choose or are able.

Please use [this link to register or learn more](#).



Introduction to Our Faith

Saturdays, October 17 & 24, 10:00am-Noon

This two-session class gives you a deeper understanding of this congregation and our faith and launches you on your way to membership. We will share our spiritual journeys, explore the history of Unitarian Universalism and this congregation, give you the chance to contemplate your calling, and discuss the meaning and responsibilities of membership and how to get involved. *This class is a prerequisite to membership.*

Register by Monday, October 12 using [this link](#) or email Welcome Ministries Coordinator Hannah Hotchkiss at hannah@uuaa.org.



2020-2021 Chalice Circle Registration

There are still a few openings in the Chalice Circles beginning in October. If you are seeking ways to connect more deeply with fellow congregants, Chalice Circles may be just what you are looking for.

Register online here for Chalice Circles forming now and beginning in October (bi-monthly for seven months or weekly for six weeks). For more information, please email ChaliceCircles@uuaa.org. All circles will be held on Zoom.



UUA Men's Fellowship: Nominations for the Men's Council

Nominations are now open for positions on the 2021 Men's Council. If you are a member of the congregation in good standing and a participant in Men's Fellowship activities, please send Glenn Kime (glenn@thekimes.com) any nomination including name, email, and phone number (please feel free to nominate yourself, if interested). This is for a three-year term.



Community of Writers Zoom

Sunday, October 18, 1:00pm-3:00pm

The Community of Writers is enjoying the Zoom format to read our own writings aloud and listen to others read theirs. We raise hands or speak to give comments of appreciation and encouragement. A popular feature is screen sharing, which displays a copy of the writing to accompany our five-minute readings. Are you interested in sharing your creative writing? Contact Mary Lund at mlund@mi.rr.com.

For a link to join the October 18 Zoom meeting, email Sandra Kunkle at sandykunkle@gmail.com.



Welcome UU Back Week Revisited

Wednesdays, 6:00pm

From Quiana: In my new role as Coordinator of Congregational Life, I am hosting an open hour every Wednesday at 6:00pm to connect and be in community. For the month of October, I will be revisiting some of the most popular Welcome UU Back Week sessions.

[Zoom Link: Wednesday Congregational Life Meeting](#)

October 7: Zoom 101 for facilitators + open practice space
October 14: Stewardship with Beth Hospadaruk
October 21: Communications
October 28: ENGAGE! Groups at UUAA

Questions? Email Quiana Perkins at quiana@uuaa.org.



UUCivs: Vote Your Values

If you need an absentee ballot, we recommend [applying online](#) by October 13. After that, it's best to apply at your Clerk's office.

Questions about candidates and/or proposals on your ballot?

- [Candidate forums](#), sponsored by the League of Women Voters, can be viewed on demand.
- Ballot & candidate info at vote411.org.

- See the [UUCivs webpage](#) for tips and videos on avoiding common absentee ballot mistakes.

Ready to return your ballot? Your Clerk information, including hours and drop box locations, can be found [here](#).

The UUCivs monthly meeting is October 11, 3pm. Join us to plan the final push to Nov 3! Email UUCivs@uuaa.org for the Zoom meeting ID.

Questions? votinghelpline@gmail.com



Scrip Program: Get Ready for Prime Day!

You can make a difference for UUA A while you shop Amazon Prime Day deals on October 13 and 14.

Simply shop at [Amazon Smile](#) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor.

Don't forget to use Amazon scrip to pay for your order and make an even bigger impact!

Questions? Contact Carolyn Barber at cmbarber@umich.edu.



Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, October 17 & Friday, November 6

Because of the late start to the summer building season, the season has been extended so that homes can be ready for their new owners by winter. There are several days available in October and November.

Go to uuaa.org/h4h to get more details and signup.

Safety is a primary concern:

- Safety guidelines are reviewed on-site before any work is done
- A COVID-19 volunteer waiver is required
- Social distancing is enforced
- Masks are required

As part of the safety guidelines we will not be providing lunches to volunteers this year. Volunteers need to bring their own work

gloves, mask (you must wear a mask on site), lunch, and water. You are welcome to bring your own tools if you would like. If you need help getting a mask or gloves, email habitat@uuaa.org.

More details and updated information is available on <http://uuaa.org/h4h>.

Short-Notice Volunteers

If the number of volunteers is low for an upcoming build date, Habitat reaches out to this list to notify you that there is an opportunity for you to work on a house. Several UUAA members are on the short-notice volunteer list already.

To be added to the list email habitat@uuaa.org.



Room Reservations at UUAA for 2020-2021 Accepting Reservations Now

With the uncertainty brought on by Covid-19, we ask UUAA groups to plan with Zoom in mind for the fall. We encourage all recognized groups to submit their [Zoom room reservations](#) now. When the building opens again physically, we can easily convert your Zoom room to an actual room. One bonus of this is that as long as we are meeting virtually, Zoom rooms are available on Fridays and Saturdays.

Questions? Email Debita Graham at room@uuaa.org.



UUSC Coffee Project

Equal Exchange coffee and chocolates are for sale again! This will be a curbside-pickup or delivery-with-no-contact program. Orders may be picked up in Ann Arbor (not at UUAA) or delivered to your home. To see what we have in stock, [click here](#).

Email uuaaequalexchangeorder@gmail.com to place your order online, or call Cathy Whitaker at 419-283-3430 or Ilene Beninson at 248-376-7031. All sales benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and this congregation.

Quick Links:

[UUAA Website](#) | [Social Justice at UUAA](#) | [Find us on Facebook](#)
[Make your pledge](#) | [UUAA Events Calendar](#)

Other Links:

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